

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 15. (cancelled)

16. (new) A cosmetic formulation comprising (a) at least one activated aluminum compound which is effective as antiperspirant, (b) at least one α -hydroxycarboxylic acid and (c) water.

17. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 16, wherein (b) comprises mandelic acid.

18. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 16, wherein (a) comprises one or more activated aluminum salts.

19. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 18, wherein (a) comprises activated aluminum chlorohydrate.

20. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 16, wherein a ratio of (a) to (b) is from 15 : 1 to 1 : 1.

21. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 20, wherein the ratio is from 12 : 1 to 2 : 1.

22. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 21, wherein the ratio is from 10 : 1 to 2.5 : 1.

23. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 16, wherein the formulation comprises from 1% to 35% by weight of (a), based on a total weight of the formulation.

24. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 23, wherein the formulation comprises up to 25% by weight of (a).

25. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 24, wherein the formulation comprises up to 20% by weight of (a).

26. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 16, wherein the formulation comprises from 0.1% to 10% by weight of (b), based on a total weight of the formulation.

27. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 26, wherein the formulation

comprises up to 8% by weight of (b).

28. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 16, wherein the formulation comprises an O/W microemulsion.

29. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 28, wherein the formulation comprises a microemulsion gel.

30. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 29, wherein the formulation comprises an oil-in-water microemulsion which comprises an oil phase, a water phase and less than 20% by weight of one or more emulsifiers, based on a total weight of the microemulsion.

31. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 30, wherein the oil phase is essentially composed of constituents of low volatility.

32. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 30, wherein the one more emulsifiers comprise one or more O/W emulsifiers selected from polyethoxylated, polypropoxylated and polyethoxylated and polypropoxylated O/W emulsifiers and one or more optional W/O emulsifiers.

33. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 32, wherein the microemulsion is obtainable by bringing a mixture comprising the water phase, the oil phase, the one or more O/W emulsifiers and the one or more optional W/O emulsifiers to a temperature within or above a phase inversion temperature range and subsequently cooling the mixture to room temperature.

34. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 33, wherein droplets of a discontinuous oil phase are joined together by one or more crosslinker substances whose molecules comprise at least one hydrophilic region which has a size suitable for bridging a distance between the droplets and at least one hydrophobic region which is able to enter into hydrophobic interaction with the droplets.

35. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 16, wherein the formulation has a defined yield point.

36. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 35, wherein the formulation has a yield point of from 40 to 120 Pa, determined at 25°C by means of a shear stress time ramp of 40 Pa/min.

37. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 16, wherein the formulation is suitable for application to human skin.

38. (new) A cosmetic formulation comprising (a) activated aluminium chlorohydrate, (b) mandelic acid and (c) water.

39. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 38, wherein a ratio of (a) to (b) is from 10 : 1 to 2.5 : 1.

40. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 38, wherein the formulation comprises from 1% to 20% by weight of (a) and from 0.1% to 8% by weight of (b), each based on a total weight of the formulation.

41. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 40, wherein the formulation comprises an O/W microemulsion.

42. (new) An antiperspirant product which comprises the cosmetic formulation of claim 16.

43. (new) The antiperspirant product of claim 42 which comprises a transparent antiperspirant hydrogel.

44. (new) An aqueous antiperspirant preparation which comprises at least one antiperspirant activated aluminum compound and at least one α -hydroxycarboxylic acid.

45. (new) The preparation of claim 44, wherein the at least one α -hydroxycarboxylic acid comprises mandelic acid.